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## Lions Clubs International Centennial Silver Dollar Coin Designs Unveiled

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Designs for commemorative coins honoring the 100th anniversary of the founding of Lions Clubs International were unveiled today at the organization's 99th annual convention in Fukuoka, Japan.

Public Law 112-181-the Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin Act-authorizes the United States Mint to mint and issue \$1 silver coins with designs emblematic of the centennial of the Lions Clubs International.

The obverse (heads) design features a portrait of founder Melvin Jones paired with the Lions Clubs International logo. Inscriptions are "LIBERTY," "IN GOD WE TRUST," "MELVIN JONES," "FOUNDER," and "2017." The obverse was designed by United States Mint Artistic Infusion Program (AIP) Designer Joel Iskowitz and sculpted by United States Mint Sculptor-Engraver Joseph Menna.

The reverse (tails) design depicts a male and female lion with a lion cub superimposed over a globe. Inscriptions are "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA," "\$1," "E PLURIBUS UNUM," and "CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE." The reverse was designed by AIP Designer Patricia Lucas-Morris and sculpted by United States Mint Sculptor-Engraver Don Everhart.

Pricing for the Lions Club International Centennial Silver Dollar will include a \$10 surcharge for each coin, which the public law authorizes to be paid to the Lions Clubs International Foundation to further its programs for the blind and visually impaired in the United States and abroad; invest in adaptive technologies for the disabled; and invest in youth and those affected by a major disaster.

The United States Mint will announce the release date and additional pricing information prior to the coin's release in 2017.

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